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TO WORKING MEN.

An Address of which the following is a copy, was presented by the Students at a general meeting held in accordance with their request, at the Hall of Association, Castle Street, Oxford Street, on July 30th, 1855.

It is hoped by the Students, that this attestation to the spirit and efficiency of the teachings in this College, will induce many of their fellow working men to avail themselves of the advantages it offers. The Students have no other apology to offer for this appeal to their fellows, than the desire they have at heart, of seeing the widest extension given to the elevating influences. which they feel must accrue from this institution, to which they esteem it an honour to belong.

The second College year will commence in November, when elementary classes will be formed in Mathematics, Language, &c.

Prospectuses can be obtained of Mr. Shorter, Secretary, at the College, containing the list of Classes, Terms, &c.

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WORKING MEN'S COLLEGE

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Address of the Students

To the Principal, Council of Teachers and Secretary.

Gentlemen,

Conceiving it a duty we owe alike to you and ourselves that your exertions in our behalf should not pass unrecognised, we on this occasion venture an imperfect utterance of the affectionate respect with which we feel inspired towards you. At the present time when men generally appear to have more respect for their own peculiar crotchets, than concern for the welfare of their fellows, any effort tending to solve the great educational questions of the day, must be in the highest degree acceptable to the uneducated portion of the community. How much then is this enterprise, having for its object our moral and intellectual elevation, deserving of our cordial sympathy and co-operation.

The aid you so generously offer to us, the Students of this College, will we trust, enable us to reach heights and depths of knowledge, before, and without you, inaccessible. Possessing knowledge, we trust it will make us better as well as wiser men; for that we know is the desired end of your teaching.

We gratefully accept your aid; not as a charity, it is not so offered, but as a sacrifice made by you upon the shrine of humanity; a sacrifice entering into, perhaps, and forming part of, the duties of your lives.

Gentlemen, you have told us your object is to fulfil your duties towards your fellow men, and we beg of you to accept our congratulations, on the manner in which you have fulfilled them. We trust we

shall sufficiently appreciate your exertions, as to emulate your example and that when capability serves, inclination will not be wanting, to aid in the good work you have began. We believe that all conditions of life carry with them duties commensurate with their advantages, and he who most generously construes his duties, best serves the interests of Mankind.

It is because you have interpreted your duties, in a more enlarged and cosmopolitan sense than many of your class, that we especially desire to thank you. We offer our thanks, not as a reward, but as an acknowledgement, your labours carry with them the only fitting reward they can ever obtain. Thanks are all we have to offer, as much, perhaps, as you would care to receive.

Gentlemen, in concluding this imperfect expression of our feelings towards you, we would state our regret that greater numbers of our class have not availed themselves of the great advantages afforded by the College; our hope of an improvement in the future, and our confidence in the beneficial tendency of your continued exertions:

Signed on behalf of the Students,

JOHN ROEBUCK.

July 30, 1855.

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